

would consider all relevant aspects of campaign finance reform and present a comprehensive bill for an up-or-down vote on the floor.

President Clinton, Speaker GINGRICH and Senator Dole all have publicly endorsed the concept. Let us take advantage of this rare consensus. Mr. Speaker, it is either an independent commission or more of the same.

INVESTIGATE THE ROLE OF CUBA IN DRUG SMUGGLING

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, it comes as no surprise to those of us from south Florida that, as reported by the Miami Herald yesterday, the DEA is investigating a connection between Cuban tyrant Castro and the shipment of over 5,000 pounds of cocaine which was confiscated in Miami early January.

The Herald reported that United States drug enforcement agencies suspect the drugs were offloaded inside Cuban territory from a Colombian freighter and the agency is investigating a photo which documents a meeting between Castro and one of the drug smugglers arrested.

But will the mounting documentation on this and other cases result in an indictment of Castro?

As long as the administration refuses to confront, for political reasons, the role that the Cuban Communist regime plays in drug smuggling, our Nation will never win the war on drugs and stop the devastating effects that narcotics have on our children and society.

Unfortunately, the administration continues to drag its feet because the leadership at the top is not there and it ignores the facts in order to avoid a confrontation with Castro.

Once again, President Clinton fails the drug test.

It is time for the rhetoric to stop and action to be taken.

The finger points to Fidel Castro. Will President Clinton investigate?

ILL-ADVISED CHANGES IN LABOR LAW

(Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am here from the Government and I am going to help you. I am a Republican and I am here to help the working people of America.

Both these statements are kind of hard to believe. We have a bill today on the calendar that will change 60 years of 40-hour week laws. The Republican majority this year alone opposed the minimum wage increase, cut occupational health and safety funding for safe workplaces, cut funding for fair

labor standards enforcement, and now today they want to lower the wages by eliminating overtime wages.

This Congress is not the friend of the working people; they want to eliminate the working people.

AMERICAN PEOPLE NEED TO KNOW TRUTH ABOUT FILEGATE

(Mr. BALLENGER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, one of the most interesting questions surrounding the Filegate matter was "Who hired Craig Livingstone?" In testimony before the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee, Bernard Nussbaum said he did not know who hired Mr. Livingstone.

That was the story last month, on June 26.

Yesterday, a very different picture emerged. Chairman Bill Clinger has now reported that based on his committee's investigation, Bernie Nussbaum was indeed very knowledgeable about Mr. Livingstone's employment at the White House.

The FBI has supplied evidence that completely contradicts his testimony.

Mr. Speaker, I think the American people deserve to hear the truth about Filegate. Instead of all the excuses and coverups; instead of all this bobbing and weaving; would it not be easier for the White House to come clean?

Think about it, Mr. Speaker, if they are truly innocent of any wrong doing, why do they not just tell the truth?

WORKING FAMILIES FLEXIBILITY ACT

(Mrs. SCHROEDER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, America's working families are under tremendous stress. The average working family feels like a hamster in a wheel, where they run faster and faster every year and their tongues are hanging out and they cannot make ends meet. And so the Republicans who were against flex time, were against family medical leave, were against everything else, have come up with this new warm fuzzy. It sounds wonderful.

They are talking about the Working Families Flexibility Act. Well, it is so flexible that a working woman who works 47.5 hours a week at \$5 an hour takes a 22-percent pay cut. This is not what we need. It is wrong to try and trick America's families, who are under such stress, that you are trying to be so sympathetic toward them, when all you are really doing is giving their employers even more money and even more authority over the time and the hours that they work. This is wrong. It should be defeated.

Mr. Speaker, I hope everybody listens to it, and I hope we stop putting the kind of nice warm fuzzy names out

over something that is really going to harm America's families. They are too precious to do that.

WELFARE REFORM LEGISLATION

(Mr. MILLER of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask President Clinton a simple question. Will you sign the welfare reform legislation? Everyone in this Chamber wants to save our children. Every one in America agrees the current welfare system has failed our children. We have worked on a bipartisan basis in both Chambers to deliver reforms that free the most vulnerable children in America from a life of dependency on a faceless, uncaring bureaucracy.

We are one step away. All we need is President Clinton's signature. Here's what he must decide. Is it fair to leave our most vulnerable children trapped in unsafe schools and unsafe homes? Is it fair to leave kids in a system where the only successful entrepreneurs in the neighborhoods are drug dealers?

President Clinton must decide who is more capable of delivering true compassion to these kids. Can a Washington bureaucracy that is saddled with outdated rules and regulations created to appease some special interest group really deliver compassion? I believe neighbors helping neighbors can dramatically change the lives of individual Americans. I hope the President makes the right decision for America's kids.

MINIMUM WAGE AND WELFARE

(Mr. MILLER of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, Members of the House, apparently the Republicans have gotten the message. America's families are working harder than ever, longer than ever, and earning less than at any time in the last 20 years. The reason for that is simply that wages have not kept up.

But what we now see is the Republicans fighting an effort to bring a minimum wage to a livable wage. We see it is Republicans now allowing employers to take away people's overtime, overtime that has become, unfortunately, more and more important to maintaining family wages in this country.

So, what we have is, we have a dual attack on working families, and now we see also that they are going to bring us a welfare bill that will plunge a million more children into poverty that are not in poverty today. Half of those children are in working families, but because their families cannot earn a better minimum wage, because they will not be allowed to earn more overtime, those families are now going to be put into poverty because they are